

Prentiss & Deland's Office
Thursd. a. m. April 11.

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Dear Burleigh,

Yest. morng. Mr. Prentiss came to see me, (at our office) to ask what they sh^d. do in the circumstances, viz^t. they had sent off to you 3 several lots of proof, of 12 pp. each, - the first 2 of wh. in regular course they sh^d. have got back from you 2 or 3 days before (the first lot having ^{been mailed} left here the eves. of April 4., & the 2^d lot on the eves. of April 5.,) ^{& 5, & 6.} - they were needing to work off these forms in order to have the type again, & to keep their hands employed. I could not account for the delay, - felt quite sure you were not absent, & thought if sick you w^d. notify us thereof; - Mr. Prentiss supposed the mails were in fault. Whatever the cause, the delay at the printing-office was so serious, that I c^d. see no other way for it than to

~~to~~ offer my services to go & read the proof, & made an appointment to that effect for an hour later, — went, & with Mr. Prentiss read, as carefully as I could, the proof of pp. 29 to 40 incl., which were then immediately corrected & struck off. To-day (still no corrected proof coming from you) I have again read 12 pp. more, viz. pp. 41-52 inclusive, which they will strike off to-day. There remain still 12 pp. more (53-64 I presume) which have been sent to you. Now what is to be done? Precisely there, viz. at the commencement of p. 53 should come in what the Comtee desire to have said as to C. Cushing's connexion with the Hyannis Case (Columbus Jones), concerning which I wrote you 2 days ago, enclosing for your aid, a slip cut from the Liberator at the time. If no proof has reached you, you may still supply the needful paragraph

and send it by letter direct to
Prentiss & Deland, 40 Congress St.
who will be then waiting to get it to
strike off the form 53-64.

Again - it is now Thursday; by
Sat. night the printers will be wholly
out of copy; and there will inevitably
be delay, as nothing has lately been
received from you by Whipple, and when
a parcel comes, ^{some} time must be taken by
the Ex. Comtee, to read it. Send therefore
another instalment of Ms. as soon as
you conveniently can do so, - and by
Express (as before advised) to C. K. Whipple
Care R. F. Wallcut, 221 Washⁿ St. Boston
(Room No. 6.), and every possible despatch
shall be used here to get it into printers'
hands.

Probably, as the time is getting short,
all the proof must hereafter be read
here, unless you object; and either I, or
C. K. W., must do it. The printers

will, however, continue to send you
a proof, which you can use, if for
nothing else, to make the Index, and
which, if rec^d by you in proper season
we sh^d. be glad to have you send back
corrected.

As I shall be returning to Leicester
on Saturday - I could get no answer to
this from you here probably - you had
better write either to Whipple, or to the
printers, according as is the nature of y^r
communication.

And I remain

Very truly Yours

Sam^l May, Jr
